

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in peace and in conflict, ships and seafarers have held a special place in our Nation's history and in the history and present culture of Louisiana's Ports; and

WHEREAS, we as a people owe a debt of gratitude to all who have served in the Merchant Marine; and

WHEREAS, on this day men and women who are serving in the Merchant Marine are honored along with the many seamen who lost their lives in World War II, and who served with dedication and valor in the Korean War, Vietnam War, and Persian Gulf Conflicts; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1819, the American steam vessel SS Savannah sailed from Savannah, GA to Liverpool, England, commencing crossing of the Atlantic using steam propulsion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2006, as

MARITIME DAY

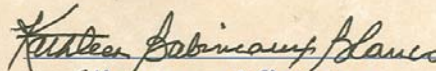
in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 18th day of May
A.D., 2006*


Governor of Louisiana